

Remarks

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed on September 14, 2007 and is accompanied by a RCE. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 8-11. In this paper, all of the rejected claims are cancelled and new claims 19-35, directed at an assembly including a guide bend segment and plastic modular conveyor chain, are being added. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability indicating the allowance of claims 8-11 and 19-35.

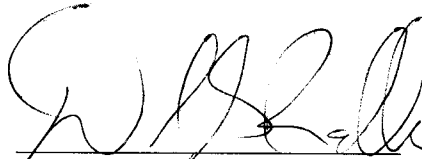
New independent claim 19 claims an assembly including the limitations of "adjacent the guide, magnets are included for pulling body parts of successive modules of the chain to be guided against the upper side through cooperation with hinge pins of the modular conveyor chain" and "a modular conveyor chain comprising a series of successive modules from plastic material which are hingedly coupled with the aid of hinge pins from magnetizable material, the modules of the conveyor chain being arranged to cooperate with the two grooves of the guide bend." An assembly including magnets which cooperate with magnetizable hinge pins for pulling plastic modules against a guide bend is disclosed on page 11, lines 14-30 of Applicant's original disclosure. Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the cited references disclose or suggest an assembly including a guide bend having magnets which cooperate with magnetizable hinge pins for pulling plastic modules against the guide bend, as claimed in new claim 19. New claims 20-26 depend from new claim 19. Accordingly, allowance of new claims 19-26 is respectfully requested.

New independent claim 27 claims an assembly including the limitation of "a series of successive modules which are hingedly coupled with the aid of magnetizable hinge pins, wherein said at least one magnet pulling successive modules of the chain against the guide face through cooperation with the hinge pins of the chain." As discussed above, an assembly including at least one magnet cooperating with magnetizable hinge pins for pulling plastic modules against the guide face of a guide bend is disclosed on page 11, lines 14-30 of Applicant's original disclosure. Applicant respectfully asserts that none of the cited references disclose or suggest an assembly

including a guide bend having at least one magnet which cooperates with magnetizable hinge pins for pulling plastic modules against the guide face, as claimed in new claim 27. New claims 28-35 depend from new claim 27. Accordingly, allowance of new claims 27-35 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 8-11 and 19-35. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the RCE to deposit account no. 17-0055. No additional fees for filing this response are believed to be due. However, if additional fees are due, including any fees for an extension of time to respond, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account no. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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